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### **ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE RELEASES AZ LEARNS PROFILES: ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS PART OF THE FORMULA FOR THE FIRST TIME**

PHOENIX (Embargoed until Monday, October 15, 2007) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne announces the release of the AZ Learns profiles for 1,927 schools. This year, for the first time, English Language Learners (ELL) are part of the AZ Learns formula for evaluating schools. Over 113 schools serving ELL's were able to receive an extra point on their AZ Learns profile, for educating at least 30% of their ELL's to the point where they could pass the English Proficiency Test (AZELLA). (A list of the 113 schools is attached).

The numbers of schools in each category for 2007 are: failing to meet academic standards 17; underperforming 147; performing 695; performing plus 448; highly performing 230; and excelling 386.

For more information about your schools profile, go to [www.ade.az.gov](http://www.ade.az.gov) and click on 2007 AZ Learns profiles in the Hot Topics section of the home page.

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